

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of the application are respectfully requested in view of the remarks.

I. STATUS OF THE CLAIMS AND FORMAL MATTERS

Claims 1-29 are pending. Claims 1, 11 and 20, which are independent, are hereby amended. Support to the amendments is provided throughout the Specification, specifically on pages 27 and 34.

No new matter has been introduced. Changes to the claims are not made for the purpose of patentability within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §101, §102, §103, or §112. Rather, these changes are made simply for clarification and to round out the scope of protection to which Applicants are entitled.

II. REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Claims 1-4, 6, 7, 11-14, 16, 17, 20, 22, 23, 25 and 26 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,642,153 to Chaney, et al. (hereinafter, merely “Chaney”) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,002,394 to Schein, et al. (hereinafter, merely “Schein”) and U.S. Patent No. 5,850,218 to LaJoie, et al. (hereinafter, merely “LaJoie”) and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,728,714 to Doganata, et al. (hereinafter, merely “Doganata”).

Claims 5, 8, 15, 18, 24 and 27 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over Chaney in view of Schein, LaJoie and Doganata and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,598,226 to Sorensen, (hereinafter, merely “Sorensen”).

Claims 9 and 28 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over Chaney in view of Schein, LaJoie, Doganata and Sorensen and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,075,570 to Usui, et al. (hereinafter, merely “Usui”).

Claim 21 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over Chaney in view of Schein, LaJoie and Doganata and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,470,497 to Ellis, et al. (hereinafter, merely “Ellis”).

Claims 10, 19 and 29 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over Chaney in view of Schein, LaJoie and Doganata and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,563,648 to Menand, et al. (hereinafter, merely “Menand”).

III. RESPONSE TO REJECTIONS

Claim 1 recites, *inter alia*:

“A television receiver, comprising...

... a transmission list that pertains to electronic mail to be transmitted...” (emphasis added)

As understood by Applicants, the Office Action relies on Doganata to reject the above-identified features of claim 1 (see Office Action, page 6). Doganata discloses that “each sent folder, shown at 16 and 26, is a queue for copies of all pieces of e-mail which have been sent from that location by the user” (emphasis added, Doganata, column 3, lines 42-46).

Applicants respectfully submit that Doganata’s sent folder is for emails which have been sent in contrast with Applicants’ transmission list that pertains to electronic mail to be transmitted. Applicants submit that the cited portion of Doganata fails to disclose or suggest the above-identified features of claim 1. Applicants submit that Doganata fails to disclose or suggest that

“a transmission list that pertains to electronic mail to be transmitted”, as recited in claim 1
(emphasis added).

Indeed, Applicants submit that the disclosure in Doganata teaches away from the claimed invention.

Applicants submit that Chaney, Schein, LaJoie, and Doganata, taken alone or in combination, fail to disclose or suggest the above-identified features of claim 1.

Therefore, Applicants submit that claim 1 is patentable.

Furthermore, claim 1 also recites, *inter alia*:

“A television receiver, comprising...

... wherein a FLG is used to indicate whether a channel number is for selection of a television broadcasting signal or for selection of a program-related information or for selection of an external input terminal.” (emphasis added)

Applicants submit that Chaney, Schein, LaJoie, and Doganata, taken alone or in combination, fail to disclose or suggest “wherein a FLG is used to indicate whether a channel number is for selection of a television broadcasting signal or for selection of a program-related information or for selection of an external input terminal”, as recited in claim 1 (emphasis added).

Therefore, Applicants submit that claim 1 is patentable.

For reasons similar to those described above with regard to independent claim 1, independent claims 11 and 20 are also patentable.

IV. DEPENDENT CLAIMS

The other claims are dependent from one of the independent claims discussed above, and are therefore believed patentable for at least the same reasons. Since each dependent claim is also deemed to define an additional aspect of the invention, however, the individual reconsideration of the patentability of each on its own merits is respectfully requested.

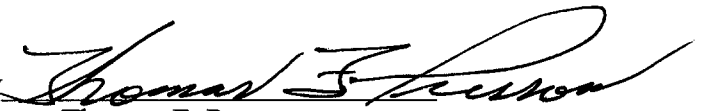
CONCLUSION

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In view of the foregoing remarks, it is believed that all of the claims in this application are patentable and Applicants respectfully request early passage to issue of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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